



**MICHIGAN SERA COUNCIL  
STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

April 13, 2011

Honorable Mark Jansen, Chair  
Senate Reforms, Restructuring, and Reinventing Committee  
Capitol Building  
Lansing, MI

Dear Senator Jansen and members of the Senate Reforms Committee:

The Michigan State Employee Retirees Association Council has reviewed SB 7, Substitute S-2.

My members are very worried about their eroding pensions. With Medicare premiums increasingly eating away at their social security and fixed state pensions that do not keep up with inflation, every increasing cost is a threat to their stability and peace of mind. This bill presents a potential extra cost to them.

We would very much appreciate your making this bill neutral with regard to public employee retiree health insurance benefits.

To that end, we suggest you add the following at the end of S-2:

**SEC. 17. NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL APPLY TO PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEE RETIREES.**

That would make it clear that public retirees are outside the intent of the act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Pollock  
Legislative Representative  
Michigan SERA Council

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